



**17th  
ANNUAL**

# Merry Main Street

Saturday, December 1 • 6:00 – 9:00pm  
George A. Purzoy Municipal Center – City Hall Plaza  
6101 Frisco Square Boulevard



*Bring the family and come enjoy the celebration as we kick off the start to Frisco's Holiday Season!*

## ENTERTAINMENT

- \* Lighting of the City of Frisco Christmas Tree at approx. 6:20pm
- \* Roaming Street Entertainment
- \* Three Stages of Entertainment provided by FISD Elementary School Choirs
- \* Frisco Express Train Ride
- \* Live Reindeer
- \* Snowflake Light Show
- \* Gingerbread House Contest & Festival of Trees
- \* Ice Sculptor

## SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

- \* Kid's Holiday Store
- \* Santa's Workshop
- \* Letters to Santa
- \* Pictures with Santa
- \* Horse-drawn Carriage Rides
- \* North Pole Bakery
- \* Food & Beverages
- \* And Much, Much More!



## NEW THIS YEAR!

- \* Stilt Walkers
- \* Scrooge
- \* Reading of *The Night Before Christmas*





# FOCAL POINT



## Mayor's Message

Mike Simpson

### *An Important Election - A Dedication and Parade*

The month of November brings lots of important activities, fun things to do and a very important County Bond Election. These activities provide an opportunity for your families to become more involved in the city, and by voting in the County Bond Election, to have a say in the future development of our city and the future of Collin County.

#### **Dedication of Harold Bacchus Community Park - Saturday, November 3**

Just about the time that you receive this Focal Point, we will be dedicating the Harold Bacchus Community Park. This new park located on FM 3537 (old 720 or Main Street) near Independence Parkway is one of our most outstanding parks and will include numerous ball fields, trails and multiple concession and restroom facilities.

Construction of Phase I is complete and has been in use. It includes a youth baseball/softball five-plex, including the Rusty Greer/Texas Rangers Championship Field and the Frisco Miracle League Field, a concession and restroom facility, and several football/soccer multipurpose fields, landscaping, parking and adjacent thoroughfare improvements. Phase II construction is almost finalized and will include twelve acres for football/soccer multipurpose fields, batting cages, two restroom & concession facilities, a signature playground with a picnic pavilion, three additional playgrounds, a two-acre lake and approximately one mile of hike & bike trails.

Mayor Harold Bacchus served as Mayor longer than any other Frisco Mayor and was in office from 1965-1978. He also served as a City Council Member and as City Judge. He was Mayor during a crucial time when Frisco was setting its city boundaries. He is responsible for the size and shape Frisco is today. He was instrumental in bringing a water supply to Frisco, was the first President of the Chamber of Commerce and was on the Charter

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The City of Frisco 17th Annual Merry Main Street celebration happens December 1 from 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. in City Hall Plaza. This year the Tree Lighting Ceremony moves to the start of the event, with the tree lighting happening at approximately 6:20 p.m.

## *We Wish You a MERRY Main Street*

As you plan your Thanksgiving dinner, the City of Frisco is already planning for the biggest Merry Main Street celebration yet. The City marks the 17th year of the event on December 1, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the George A. Purefoy Municipal Center and City Hall Plaza, located at 6101 Frisco Square Blvd.

City leaders started working early to book the man that is in demand at Christmastime. That's right. Santa Claus has cleared his busy schedule to meet Frisco's young and young at heart.

"Frisco is one of my favorite places to visit during the holidays," said Mr. Claus. "Most of the boys and girls are well behaved and on my 'nice' list. The adults are so friendly that you can really feel the Christmas spirit during Merry Main Street."

Santa will be busy that night taking pictures with children and listening to their wish lists. A replica "Santa's Workshop" will also give families an idea of the kind of work happening at the North Pole this time of year.

The voices of Frisco ISD elementary students will help set the mood. Choirs will perform

Yuletide carols on three separate stages.

New this year, the Tree Lighting Ceremony will begin at six o'clock sharp, at the beginning of the celebration instead of the end of the evening. The City of Frisco Christmas Tree will light up at approximately 6:20 p.m.

"We understand that people with other holiday commitments or families with very small children many not be able to stick around until the end of the night," said Marcy Jones, Recreation Superintendent for the City of Frisco. "Moving up the Tree Lighting Ceremony allows more citizens to enjoy this special Merry Main Street moment."

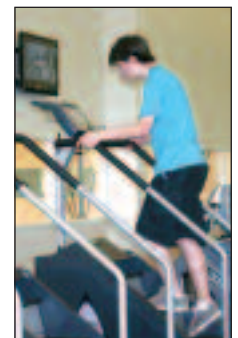
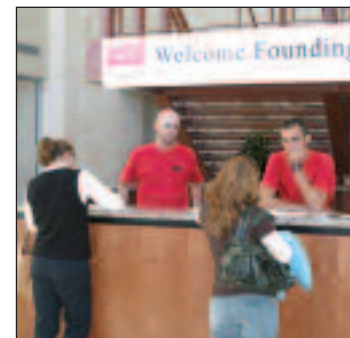
The reading of a holiday classic, *The Night Before Christmas*, is a new edition sure to please the crowd. Sip on hot chocolate and gather around to listen to a favorite story. You may even catch yourself reciting your favorite lines.

Direct from London, England Ebenezer Scrooge is visiting Frisco for the first time to find his holiday spirit. Of course, you can count on favorite holiday friends like

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## Frisco Athletic Center open for business

Put excitement back into your family fitness routine. Every member of your family can get moving at the new Frisco Athletic Center, the largest municipally run fitness center in North Texas! Yearly, monthly and daily passes are available. For membership prices, hours of operation, and the latest schedule of classes and activities, go online to [www.friscofun.org](http://www.friscofun.org) or call 972-292-6600.





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# ‘Late Night Ordinance’ suspended; matter on May 2008 ballot

The City of Frisco’s ‘Late Night Hours’ ordinance is suspended until Frisco voters have a chance to decide whether alcohol should be served until 2 a.m.

Effective immediately, there is not a City of Frisco ordinance that authorizes businesses to serve alcohol past midnight. A referendum special election to be held on May 10, 2008 will determine whether the ‘Late Night Hours’ ordinance can go into effect at that time.

On October 16, the Frisco City Council voted 4 to 3 against repealing the ‘Late Night Hours’ ordinance

approved August 22, 2007.

On September 27 of this year, the City Secretary’s Office received a petition requesting the issue be put before the voters. More than 900 petition signatures were submitted. The City Secretary’s Office certified 839 of those signatures.

The City of Frisco’s charter states the number of signatures required to call a ‘special election’ is 30-percent of the number of voters who cast ballots in the last regular election OR 150 signatures, whichever is greater. In this case, the number of signatures required to call for a ‘special referen-

dum’ was 681.

The city’s charter also requires a petition be filed within 30 days from the effective date of the ordinance. The effective date of the ‘Late Night Hours’ ordinance was August 31, 2007.

Six businesses had applied and received ‘Late Night Hours’ permits from the City of Frisco. Again, effective immediately, those permits are not authorized by any City of Frisco ordinance until the matter is decided by voters next May.

For more information, contact City Secretary Nan Parker at 972-292-5010 or nparker@friscotexas.gov.

## Frisco Fire Classes

### CPR

The Frisco Fire Department offers cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) classes twice each month free of charge to Frisco residents and those employed here.

Fire Department personnel certified as CPR instructors by the American Heart Association provide instruction on CPR techniques for infants, children and adults, as well as how to assist someone who is choking.

The four-hour classes are typically held the first and third Wednesday of each month. The first 2008 available class dates are January 2 and 16. Class size is limited to 20 participants, so please call Central Fire Station at 972-292-6300 to make reservations.

### FIRST AID

The Frisco Fire Department also offers American Heartsaver Association – Heartsaver First

Aid Courses as companion courses to CPR training. The next available 2008 classes will take place on February 9 and April 5. The classes are free of charge to Frisco residents and those employed here and provide a general background in simple first aid concepts. Classes are limited to 30 participants. Those interested should call Central Fire Station at 972-292-6300 to make reservations.

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Committee to create our Home Rule Charter, which is still the basis for our city operation today.

### Collin County Bond Election – Tuesday, November 6

The citizens of Frisco, who live in Collin County, have a very important County Bond Election coming up on November 6. Voters have an opportunity to vote for three propositions that will impact the citizens of Collin County.

Proposition 1 provides \$235.6 million that the cities will match for local road projects. This added to more than \$600 million we will get from the SH 121 project will provided approximately \$1 billion to help build new roads in Collin County.

The Frisco portion of this County Bond Election for Roads is \$46 million, and when we add the match by the city we will be able to build more than \$92 million in roads just in Frisco. There are 12 road projects for Frisco on Proposition 1. These include Rolater Road, Coit Road, Independence Parkway, Virginia Parkway, Eldorado Parkway and the expansion of the North Dallas Tollway frontage road to three lanes. A 37-member bond committee met to determine what road projects would be in the bond election. More than 180 projects were submitted by the cities in Collin County, totaling more than \$1.3 billion. This committee sorted through the projects to arrive at 113 projects totaling the \$235.6 million to be in the bond election. The committee approved the bond recommendation with 100 per-

cent concurrence, and it went to the County Commissioners for approval. The vote to approve the bond package was 4-1 with all commissioners in favor except for the County Judge.

Proposition 2 for Parks and Open spaces is for \$17 million. These funds will help the cities build parks and trails, and we will receive matching funds from the county to build them. This proposition will also provide funds for a “Six City Trail” that will allow the cities of Allen, Frisco, Garland, McKinney, Plano and Richardson to expand their parks and trails and to be part of a larger regional plan.

Proposition 3 on the bond election is for county facilities and totals \$76.3 million. This item provides for the expansion of the county courthouse, construction of a new juvenile alternative education program facility, expansion of the adult minimum security detention facility and the expansion of the juvenile detention facility.

### Frisco Community Parade – Saturday, November 10

This year’s parade will take place on November 10 and will start at 11 a.m. We moved it to a later time since last year it was a little cool in the morning. Also this will allow people viewing it from Main Street in downtown to stay after the parade and visit our businesses and restaurants. The parade starts at Frisco and Main Streets and moves east along Main up to North County Road.

The Frisco Homecoming Parade was a tradition that filled our historic downtown Frisco with

thousands of parade watchers and participants. With four high schools now and more on the way, having that many different homecoming parades became impossible. Many of us who have been on the parade committee for years, decided a community parade would be the best answer to keeping the tradition going. Keeping that “small town feel,” the parade will feature all four high schools, bands and drill teams as well as entrees from local businesses and organizations. Our theme again this year will be a “Salute to the Troops” as Veterans Day is that weekend. Our Grand Marshall will be Congressman Sam Johnson, highly decorated Korean War & Vietnam Veteran and Prisoner of War.

We will have military personnel and equipment in the parade to appropriately honor those who have served and currently protect our country. You can find out more about the parade and register to be a participant by going to [www.frisco-parade.com](http://www.frisco-parade.com).

We hope this parade will be bigger and better every year. Those participating will begin to assemble at 9 a.m. in the southeast corner of the Pizza Hut Park parking area at Frisco and Main Streets. We hope to see you at all of the events and that you will vote on all three bond propositions.

Sincerely,  
Mike Simpson  
Mayor

## Visit us on the Web!

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tion about a City of  
Frisco service or  
event?

Check out [frisco-texas.gov](http://frisco-texas.gov), your  
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# FRISCO HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

## Breakfast with Santa and Friends

**Date:** Saturday, December 1  
**Time:** 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.  
**Location:** Frisco Athletic Center  
**Price:** \$12 for children; \$10 for extra adult meal  
Santa, Frosty and Rudolph invite kids ages 12 and younger to enjoy a breakfast at the new Frisco Athletic Center. Participants will enjoy breakfast, Christmas music, photo opportunities and a holiday craft to take home. At least one responsible adult guardian or parent must be in attendance with their child or children.

## Frisco's Frosty 5K & Merry 1K

**Date:** Saturday, December 8  
**Time:** 8 a.m.  
**Place:** City Hall Plaza/Frisco Square  
Looking for a fun way to shed those extra Thanksgiving pounds? Bring the whole family out and join Frosty & friends for a winter fun run. Look for event details and registration at [friscofun.org](http://friscofun.org).

## Santa Skate

**Date:** Saturday, December 8  
**Time:** 3:30 p.m. – 6 p.m., or 6:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.  
**Location:** Dr Pepper Star Center  
2601 Avenue of the Stars  
**Tickets:** \$27 per family (limit 5) • \$9 individual  
(Price includes hot dog, chips, drink and skate rental)  
Enjoy a festive night of ice skating with Santa and friends. This year the city is offering two time slots to accommodate more families. Tickets to this popular event are limited and won't be sold at the door.



For information on all City of Frisco holiday events go online to [friscofun.org](http://friscofun.org) or call 972-292-6600



## Contests creative way to show holiday spirit

Start planning now to enter your masterpiece in the 7th Annual Gingerbread House Contest or the 2nd Annual Festival of Trees which will take place during Merry Main Street on December 1.

Round up your family, friends, or co-workers and spend some quality time creating a culinary masterpiece or decorating a festive tree. Let your kids explore their creative talents and challenge their imaginations, or take some time out for yourself and let your artistic abilities shine! Prizes and awards will be given out in several different age groups and categories.

Information packets with details on how to take part in these two holiday contests are now available. Packets can be found online at [www.FriscoFun.org](http://www.FriscoFun.org), or picked up at the following locations, Frisco Public Library, Chamber of Commerce, Frisco Athletic Center, Parks & Recreation Administration Building and the Senior Center at Frisco Square. All entrants must pre-register.

For more information on these events and how you can participate, please contact Linda Drake at 972-292-6550 or email [ldrake@friscotexas.gov](mailto:ldrake@friscotexas.gov).

## Holiday at Frisco Fire Safety Town

Frisco Fire Safety Town will have its first annual Holiday at Frisco Fire Safety Town nightly starting December 13 through December 23. Bring the family and walk through our outdoor town from 6 to 9 p.m.

each night to see each of the miniature buildings decorated for the holiday season. The event is free to the public.

Visit [www.friscofire.com](http://www.friscofire.com) for more information!

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stained glass making, doll making, candy making, paper marbling, quilting, and pottery.

Kids used a potter's wheel to make vases and sculpted scales for a ceramic dragon that will have a home on the second floor of the library. The younger crowds especially loved the puppetry tent, where library staff performed puppet shows and songs at the beginning of every hour.

On Saturday night, the professionals entertained the younger Festival attendees with "Bedtime Stories" as the autumn sun settled into the horizon.

Afterwards, all four storytellers brought out their most hilarious and sidesplitting tales for "Laughing Night", leaving the audience gasping for breath between fits of laughter. Everyone enjoyed these special evening concerts,

soaking in the perfectly cool weather and perfectly told tales.

The Frisco Public Library and the Library Foundation thank all of the wonderful sponsors and volunteers for making this year's Festival a great success. This event would not be possible without the generous donations of time and money by the many supporters.

Due to its growing popularity, the Frisco Storytelling Festival has outgrown its local name. Next year, on its fifth anniversary, the Frisco Storytelling Festival will be known as the Lone Star Storytelling Festival in Frisco Texas. The name change recognizes its influence throughout the state of Texas and the Southwest. We invite everyone to come and celebrate this exciting new name with us in October 2008.



## Winter Games of Texas

The City of Frisco is proud to host the 2008 Winter Games of Texas. Registration will begin September 14

for the 2008 Winter Games which will take place January 19 - 21. This multi-sport youth athletic event

will feature 15 different sports played in venues throughout Frisco including: basketball, cheerleading, fencing, figure skating, flag football, fencing, gymnastics, ice hockey, judo, rock climbing, soccer, swimming, table tennis, volleyball, wrestling and youth tackle football. For more information, or to register an athlete, please visit the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation (TAAF) website at [www.taaf.com](http://www.taaf.com) or call 877-GoFrisco.

The Winter Games of Texas is a sports festival created for Texas amateur athletes. Patterned after the Olympic Games, the Winter Games of Texas provide a forum for training and competition among Texas' Olympic hopefuls and recreational athletes. These Olympic-style competitions provide athletes of all ages and skill levels with a wholesome avenue for positive personal enrichment through sports and physical activity.

In conjunction with the Winter Games of Texas, make plans to attend the exciting Celebration of Athletes and Winter Games Village on Saturday, January 19. Join us in welcoming athletes to the Winter Games in Frisco! The Celebration will include an athlete parade, past Olympians, live entertainment fabulous fireworks and the lighting of the Games of Texas cauldron. Bring the family out before the Celebration and take part in the Winter Games Village featuring bounce houses, face painting and tons of other family fun.

It takes hundreds of volunteers to run an event of this size. We need your assistance in making this event a success for both athletes and fans. If you are interested in volunteering to help with the Winter Games of Texas, please contact [marla@visitfrisco.com](mailto:marla@visitfrisco.com) or [chaney.muench@sbcglobal.net](mailto:chaney.muench@sbcglobal.net).

The TAAF Winter Games of Texas are hosted by the Frisco Convention & Visitors Bureau in partnership with the City of Frisco Parks & Recreation Department and our many partners in Frisco.

## Come see our progress

The Senior Center at Frisco Square has something to celebrate, and we invite you to join us. We're having our Phase II Opening Celebration on Monday, November 12 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Months of construction are over and you can see the finished product. Light refreshments will be served and you can see demonstrations of some of the activities that will be offered in our expanded facility.

The Senior Center at Frisco Square is located at 6670 Moore St. For more information on programs call (972) 292-6550, or go online to [friscotexas.gov](http://friscotexas.gov) and click on "Senior Adults" under the Parks and Recreation tab.



Recently more than a hundred seniors attended the monthly Birthday Potluck Luncheon at the Senior Center at Frisco Square. Members of the "Golden Notes Senior Choir" entertained the group with several songs and skits.

## Frisco Fun Guide now available

The fall edition of the Frisco Fun Guide is now available online at [www.FriscoFun.org](http://www.FriscoFun.org). The guide was mailed to all Frisco residents last month, but a copy may be picked-up at the following locations: the Frisco Public Library, 6101 Frisco Square Blvd.; Frisco Chamber of Commerce, 6843 Main St.; and the Parks & Recreation Department administration building at 6726 Walnut St.

The Frisco Fun activity guide contains information on classes, programs and leagues offered through the Parks & Recreation Department. Mail-in registration for fall classes is already underway. Walk-in registrations are being accepted at the Frisco Athletic Center, located at 5828 Nancy Jane Ln., during regular hours of business.

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Rudolph and Frosty to join the fun too.

Still looking for presents? The 'Kids' Holiday Store' provides an opportunity for children 12 and younger to find something special for mom, dad, grandparents or even a brother or sister. Everything in the store is priced at \$5 or less.

This year the City is trying out a new system to make sure the 'Kids' Holiday Store' operates as efficiently as possible. "We will hand out colored bracelets that coordinate with a designated shopping shift," said Dana Baird, the city's Director of Communications. "Children can sign up to shop during a

specific time period as soon as they arrive. Then they can go enjoy other Merry Main Street activities instead of waiting in line for an extended period of time."

Assigning shopping shifts also allows Frisco choir students to perform without worrying they will miss the chance to check out the 'Kids Holiday Store.' Simply come back at your designated time, and show your bracelet to enter.

Do not forget to check out the winning entries in the 'Festival of Trees' and 'Gingerbread House' contests. If your tree-trimming and culinary crafting skills are up for a challenge, check

## 'Tis the season to shop safely

Stores throughout Frisco are getting ready for the holiday rush. You should be prepared too. Do not let Shopping Center Scrooges steal your joy or that new sweater you just bought for Aunt Sue. Put safety first as you do your holiday shopping.

Prevent purse snatches. Never lay your handbag on the counter or leave it in the shopping cart. If you do put it in the shopping cart, use the baby seat strap to buckle it to the cart.

Also keep these tips in mind to shop the smart way for holiday gifts:

- Don't carry large sums of cash.
- Stash cash you must carry in

clothing pockets.

- Teach children how to identify store clerks and ask for help. Make sure they know to never leave the store with anyone except you.

- Avoid wearing valuable and loose-fitting jewelry.

- Shop with a friend.
- After you make a purchase, make sure you have your credit card, correct change, checkbook, wallet, identification and handbag BEFORE you leave the counter.

- Put packages in the trunk. Be cautious if you take packages out to your car and go back to do more shopping.

- Always lock the doors and close the windows of your vehicle.

out page 11 for more information on how to enter, or go online to [friscofun.org](http://friscofun.org).

Before Merry Main Street even starts you can begin celebrating in Frisco's Historic Downtown. The Heritage Association of Frisco is hosting the 2007 Historic Home Tour from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. You can step inside homes that were built between 1902 and 1924. Go online to [friscoheritage.org](http://friscoheritage.org) to purchase tickets.

From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. check out the "Merry Market off Main" behind the old City Hall facility. Purchase handcrafted Christmas items sponsored by the Frisco Garden Club. The Friends of

the Library annual book sale will feature thousands of books for all ages.

Join the Historic Downtown merchants for the 2nd Annual Merry Main Street Pre-Party from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. The holiday activities will include making homemade bird feeders, decorating horseshoes and much more.

The City of Frisco's Merry Main Street celebration is packed with family-friendly activities. Pages 11 and 12 have a complete list of holiday happenings. You can also go online to [friscotexas.gov](http://friscotexas.gov). Look for the link called '2007 Holiday Happenings'.

# Stay waterwise this fall, winter

As of October 1, 2007 the City of Frisco Water Conservation Plan's 'time-of-day' outdoor watering restrictions (5 a.m. to 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.) expired. The year-round restrictions of the City of Frisco Water Conservation Plan remain in effect.

The Lawn and Landscape Irrigation Restrictions ban water customers from the following:

- Over-watering that causes runoff to streets and other paved areas
- Watering outdoors during any form of precipitation
- Watering outdoors when the temperature reaches 40 degrees Fahrenheit or lower
- Watering any outdoor surfaces that are water-tight or not meant for irrigation
- Operating a sprinkler system with a broken sprinkler head

The City of Frisco encourages water customers to take advantage of the seasonably cooler nights and milder temperatures to further reduce outdoor watering. Landscapes will stay healthy with adequate seasonal rains and dropping temperatures.

## Maintain a healthy landscape

During the fall and winter months, warm season grasses like Bermuda become dormant and require little or no watering. If you decide to water your lawn, it is best to water early in the morning due to wind and evaporation. Watering on cool nights when plants and grasses should not remain wet for long periods of time can increase the chance for lawn fungal diseases.

Because we normally receive more rainfall this time of year, minor adjustments should be made to your sprinkler system timer. Try watering for shorter periods of 3 to 4 minutes per zone in back-to-back cycles about 1 hour apart to avoid run-off and water waste.

Your sprinkler system should be checked each time you work in the yard or after a few weeks without rainfall to watch for inconsistencies like leaks or poor coverage. Allowing your sprinkler system to run for at least 2 minutes every few weeks can also prevent zone valves from cracking under a long dry period of time.

Occasionally operating your sprinkler system prevents larger, more costly inefficiencies which may surface next summer when supplemental irrigation typically reaches its peak. If you would like assistance with your sprinkler system and a better understanding of your landscape watering needs, call to schedule a free Irrigation Audit with the City of Frisco's Irrigation Specialist Mike Barth at 972-292-5844.

Only a few minor adjustments to your sprinkler system are needed to properly manage your water use throughout an entire year. If you'd like to learn more about a sprinkler system timer that adjusts itself based on weather conditions, look into the City of Frisco's ET Controller Program. You may be eligible for a one-time, \$100 rebate to your water bill.

# Rufus charges up students about recycling



In October, many of the Frisco Independent School District schools received a visit from Rufus, who dropped off battery recycling containers for students and staff members.

They will use the receptacles year-round to collect household batteries.

Rufus reports that in the first two weeks of the program, Frisco ISD schools collected more than 335 pounds of batteries. The batteries can be recycled and kept out of our landfill.

The roving recycler says, "Recycling batteries helps keep our environment healthy."



The next Chunk Your Junk event will be Saturday, November 17 from 8 a.m. until noon at 6616 Walnut

Street (next door to the Environmental Collection Center). For directions to the facility call (972) 292-5900, or go online to friscotexas.gov. Click on the Communications tab, and then select 'Special Events' to down-

## Chunk Your Junk

load a map of the Environmental Collections Center.

You can bring the following items for safe disposal, recycling, or donation:

- Appliances (tagged Freon free)
- Exercise Equipment
- Carpet
- Fencing
- Cell phones
- Furniture
- Computers/Printers
- Lawn brush/tree limbs
- Fax Machines
- Metal

Old clothes and other reusable items will be donated to charity.

A free paper shredding service will also be provided. A four box limit per household will be accepted, size not to exceed 12" W x 15.5" L. No commercial account paperwork, please.

Household chemicals (paints, pesticides, solvents, gasoline, all batteries, etc.) will be collected at the Environmental Collection Center, located at 6726 Walnut St.

## Adopt-A-Street program

Members of the Destiny's Place Ministries' congregation show their Frisco pride through the Adopt-A-Street program.

This environmentally friendly program allows residents and businesses to show their dedication to the community by lending a hand and cleaning up a designated stretch of road.

If your group or business would like to inquire about adopting a road in Frisco, please contact the Environmental Services Division at [environmentalservices@frisco-texas.gov](mailto:environmentalservices@frisco-texas.gov), or call (972) 292-5900.



## HELPING paws



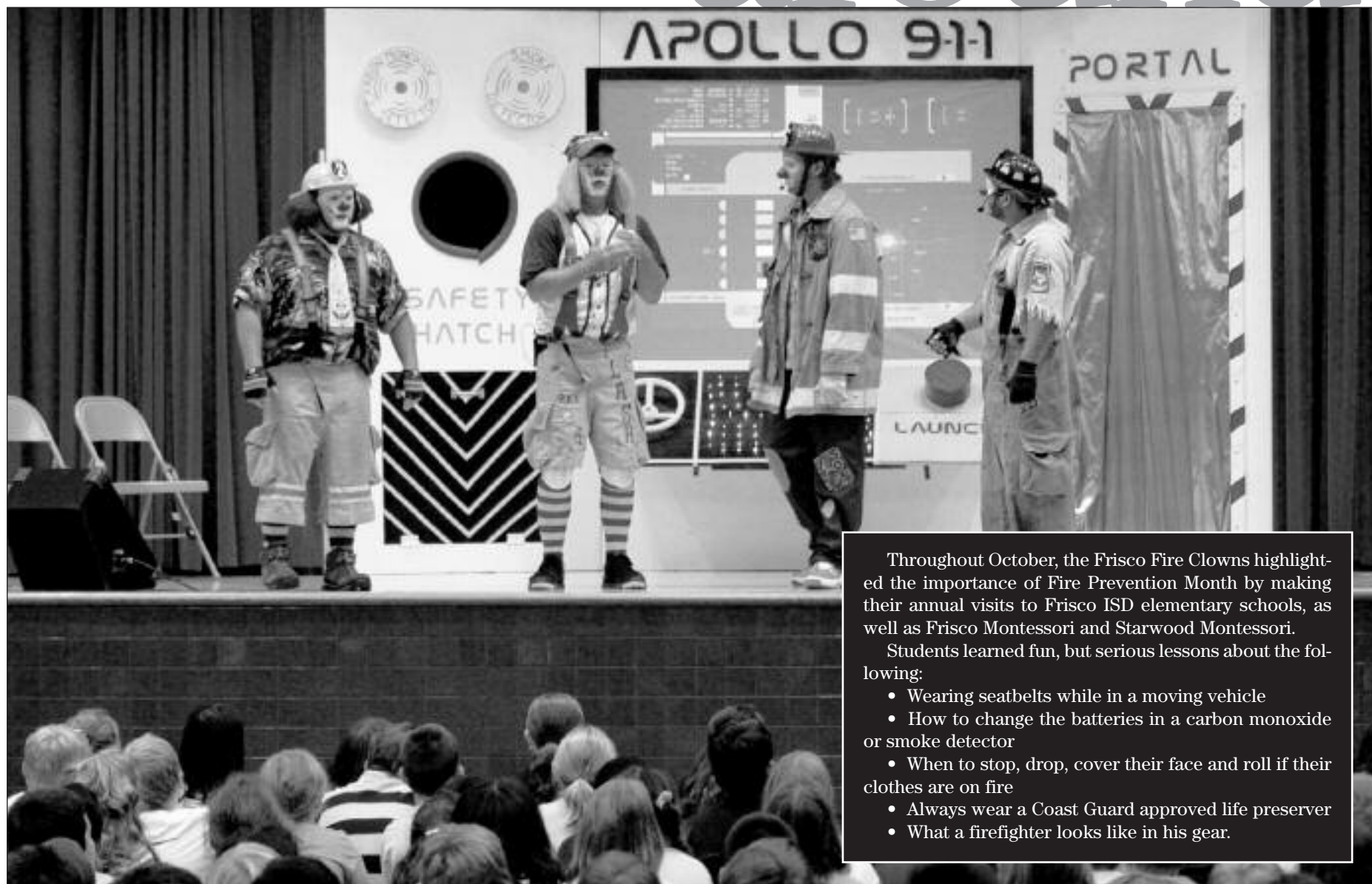
Frisco Green Team member Remy Taylor shows off his recycling knowledge by collecting glass, paper, tin, and aluminum items to go into the recycling container. Remy can't wait to see the Green Team march down Main Street in the Frisco Community Parade on November 10th in their new Green Team t-shirts.

Do you have a recycling helper at home? Take a picture of your pet helping to keep Frisco "Clean and Green" and they could win a GREEN TEAM pet surprise package. Send photos to [jstarritt@friscotexas.gov](mailto:jstarritt@friscotexas.gov), or to 'Environmental Pets' at 11300 Research Rd., Frisco, TX 75034.



Frisco Fire Safety Town Clowns, Flash, Smokey, Siren and Skwert show Christie Elementary School students that playing it safe doesn't have to be boring.

# JUST CLOWNING around



Throughout October, the Frisco Fire Clowns highlighted the importance of Fire Prevention Month by making their annual visits to Frisco ISD elementary schools, as well as Frisco Montessori and Starwood Montessori.

Students learned fun, but serious lessons about the following:

- Wearing seatbelts while in a moving vehicle
- How to change the batteries in a carbon monoxide or smoke detector
- When to stop, drop, cover their face and roll if their clothes are on fire
- Always wear a Coast Guard approved life preserver
- What a firefighter looks like in his gear.

## Do you have the time?

When was the last time you tested your smoke alarms? Last month? Last year? Can't remember? If you're not sure your smoke alarms are working, then it is time to check them. Fire experts nationwide encourage people to change smoke alarm batteries at least annually, if not every six months and to test each detector monthly.

Even smoke detectors that are hard-wired into homes have batteries that need to be replaced regularly. An easy way to remem-

ber to do so is to change your batteries each time you adjust your clocks for Daylight Saving Time. Clocks will be set back one hour as we return to Standard Time early on Sunday, November 4, 2007.

After changing the batteries, be sure and test the alarm to make sure the batteries have been installed properly. Replace smoke detectors that are older than ten years old – even those which are hard-wired into the home or that have long-life batteries.

## Weather changes signal time for home safety check

Fall and winter bring bitter winds, icy paths and dipping temperatures, but perhaps the most chilling result of wintry weather is the marked increase in home injury during this season.

According to the Home Safety Council, "Carbon monoxide, home fires and power outage hazards pose harmful threats to our families and their well being. Unfortunately, only 35 percent of homeowners have a carbon monoxide detector in their home – leaving more than half of the families exposed to this silent killer."

Follow these simple steps to avoid potential dangers during the cooler months to come.

### Carbon Monoxide Precaution: Heating Systems and Gas Appliances

- Install at least one smoke alarm and CO alarm on every level of your home and near sleeping areas
- Have a trained professional inspect, clean and

tune-up central heating system and repair leaks

- Keep gas appliances properly adjusted and serviced
- Avoid using a cooking stove to heat your home
- Never use a gas grill inside your home or in a closed garage

### Home Fire Precautions: Fireplaces and Wood Stoves

• Burn only wood – not trash, cardboard boxes or Christmas trees because these items increase the risk of uncontrolled fires.

- Check the chimneys you use regularly every year for cracks, blockages and leaks
- Keep all persons and flammable objects, including wallpaper, bedding, clothing and pets at least 36 inches away from fireplaces and wood stoves
- Open flues when fireplaces are in use

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# A little myth, a little legend, and a whole lot of laughter

*4th Annual Frisco Storytelling Festival  
wows audiences of all ages*

The sounds of laughter filled the night air on Saturday, October 13, as the Frisco Storytelling Festival's grand finale, the "Laughing Night" concert, drew to a close. Bowing to thunderous applause, three-time Emmy Award winning storyteller Bobby Norfolk stepped down from the stage, ending another successful Storytelling Festival. The Frisco Public Library Foundation has hosted the annual event since its inception four years ago.

This year's Festival boasted four world-class storytellers, including Bobby Norfolk, David Novak, Doug Lipman, and Beth Horner. These performers wowed audiences young and old with their tales of myth and mystery, legend, personal experience, and outright hilarity.

As in years past, the Festival welcomed Frisco ISD fourth graders to special concerts with the professional storytellers on Friday, October 12. Throughout the day, the students were entertained by hilarious anecdotes, character-building legends, and mysterious tales of fright.

On Friday night, the storytellers gathered in the more intimate City Council Chambers to share "Favorite Stories" from around the world.

Thanks to the generosity of our sponsor Target, this year's Festival offered free admission to all Saturday daytime events, including storytelling concerts, puppet shows, and arts and crafts demonstrations. For the afternoon nineteen local student storytellers joined the professionals to regale audiences with their talkative talents.

The folk arts and crafts tents were particularly popular on Saturday. At these tents, families watched folk artists at work and participated in such activities as

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Storyteller David Novak captivates Frisco ISD fourth graders with his tale of a crab looking for his lost claw. Novak has performed and worked at places as diverse as Lincoln Center, Walt Disney Institute, and the National Storytelling Festival.



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## Annual community parade to salute the troops

Frisco's annual Community Parade marches down Main Street Saturday, November 10, starting at 11 a.m. This year's theme is 'Salute the Troops' in honor of Veteran's Day weekend. Congressman, and former Vietnam POW, Sam Johnson will serve as the parade marshal.

The parade will also feature Frisco ISD high schools

with marching bands, football players, and cheerleaders, drill and dance team members from Centennial, Frisco, Liberty and Wakeland High Schools.

Community organizations such as the Frisco Garden Club and Frisco VFW Post 8273 will also take part in the parade. The route begins in front of Pizza Hut Park and winds down Main Street into historic Downtown Frisco.

## Nostalgic November

**ANNA KUNDU**

ADULT SERVICES LIBRARY ASSISTANT

It is hard to believe how fast the year has flown! The air is growing cooler, and everywhere people are planning for the holidays. Meanwhile, the Frisco Public Library marked its first year in the new George A. Purefoy Municipal Center on September 21 with a bash that included cake, cupcakes, and lots of fun.

In the past year alone, an average of 1,153 patrons has visited the Library daily. Circulation is averaging 2,206 items per day. Programming attendance has skyrocketed, with over 40,000 people attending a variety of children, adult, and teen-themed programs throughout the year.

The Library's collection also continues to grow by leaps and bounds. About 36,000 books were added since moving to the George A. Purefoy Municipal Center.

This holiday season stop by the beautiful fourth floor of the Library to browse our wonderful collection of fiction and nonfiction materials for adults.

The Library website, [www.friscolibrary.com](http://www.friscolibrary.com), is a wonderful resource that offers access to the Library catalogue, an online database, downloadable audiobooks and e-books, and information about Library events.

Using your library card, you can check your account, place holds, and access many of our numerous databases from home. The online resources of the Library can do everything from help you fix your car and research health care, to select a college or locate nearby businesses. If you find navigating these databases difficult, please ask our friendly staff members for help.

As the Frisco Public Library enters its second year in Frisco Square, we look forward to continuing to offer you the professional services, exciting programs, and the wide range of materials that you have come to expect.

The teen room is expanding its collections to include Playaways, and books on mp3 players that will be available for tech-savvy teens. Also, our collections of books, CDs, DVDs, and audiobooks will continue to grow with some of the newest and hottest titles.

The children's floor is expanding its programming to include a Family Storytime on the first Saturday of every month, promising a great time for the entire family.

And for those book-loving preteens, the "Just for Kids" book club will meet every fourth Monday, featuring a book from a different genre every month. Meanwhile, adults can look forward to an exciting array of computer classes and adult programming to complement the range of storytimes, elementary programs, and teen programs regularly scheduled by the Youth Services Department.

We are very excited about the opportunities of the coming year, and we invite you to drop in and share in our excitement as we enter a whole new year for the Frisco Public Library!



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# Frisco Storytelling Festival

*The 2007 Frisco Storytelling Festival was a great success due in large part to our generous sponsors. We extend a heartfelt thank you to the organizations listed below. Thank you for "becoming part of the story!"*

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*Apple Creek Private Preschool*

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*Frisco Square*

*Frisco Style Magazine*

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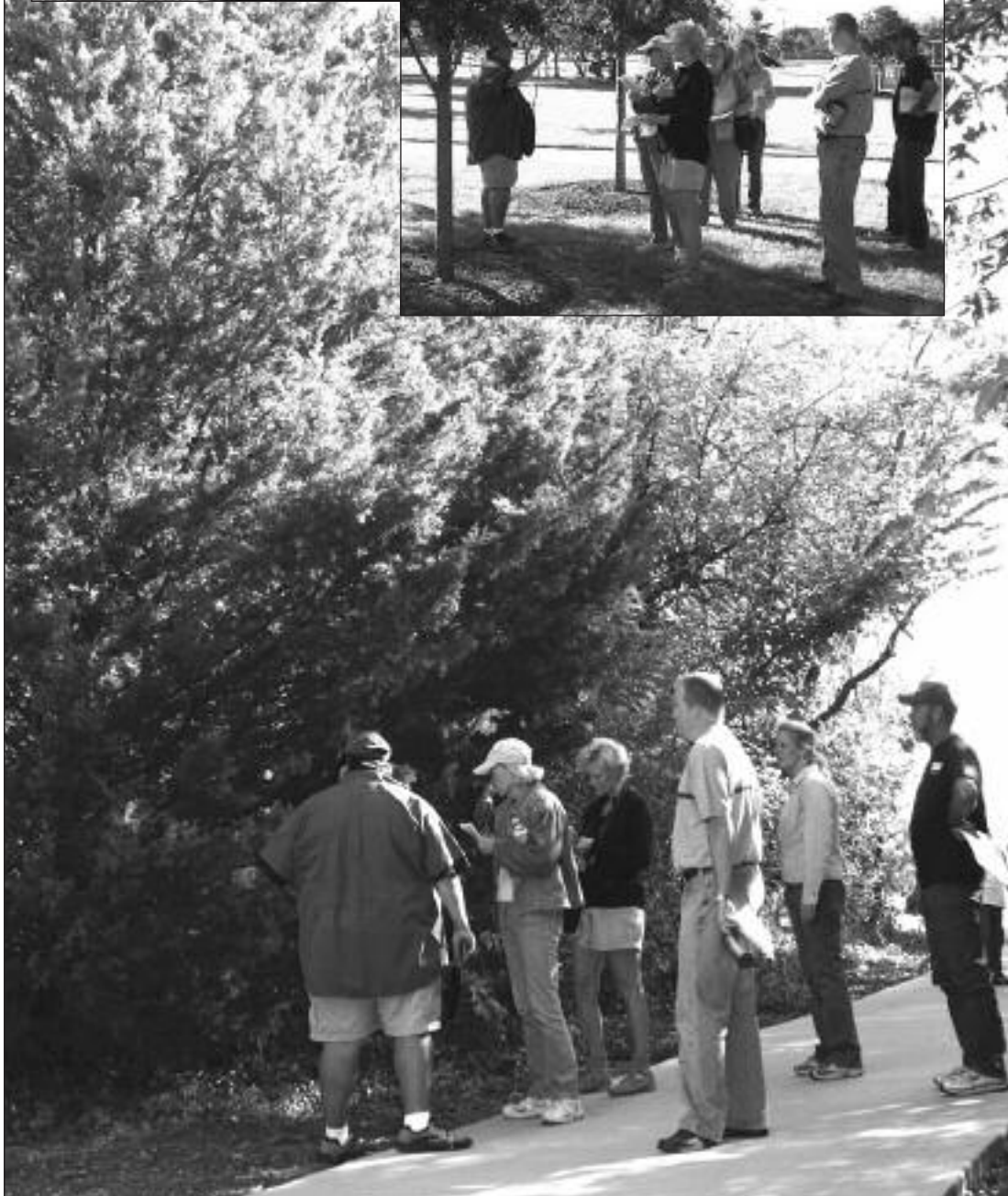
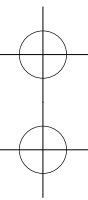




# around FRISCO

## *Frisco Storytelling Festival*

There was more to do at the 4th Annual Frisco Storytelling Festival than sit back and listen. The craft tents allowed many to get their hands dirty trying out a new skill including pottery, tile design and quilting.



## *Arborfest 2007*

The Frisco Urban Forestry Board and the Frisco Garden Club added to the natural beauty of Frisco Commons Park on October 20. They helped plant a red oak during the city's Arborfest celebration. More than 40 different tree species are planted in the park located at 8000 McKinney Rd. A tree tour followed the planting, allowing citizens to walk the trails and learn more about the urban forest.



# Monthly Project Update

Our city web site has the most current information on these projects. Go to [friscotexas.gov](http://friscotexas.gov). Click on the Departments tab. Then choose Engineering. Next, click on Construction, then Project Update.

## 1 CR 712 (Frisco St - North County)

Scope: Construct four-lane roadway (Frisco St - RR Crossing) and two-lane roadway (RR Crossing - North County)

Est. design completion is November 2007

## 2 DNT Phase 3 Section XI-N

Scope: Construction of main lanes of the DNT from Gaylord Parkway to Platinum Parkway.

Opened to traffic September 2007.

## 3 DNT Phase 3 Section XII-N

Scope: Construction of main lanes of the DNT from north of Eldorado Parkway to US 380. Project also includes construction of the southbound service roads from Eldorado Parkway to US 380.

Opened to traffic September 2007.

## 4 DNT Phase 3 Section XII-S

Scope: Construction of main lanes of the DNT from Platinum Parkway to north of Eldorado Parkway. Project also includes construction of the southbound service roads from Main Street to Eldorado Parkway.

Opened to traffic September 2007.

## 5 Eldorado Pkwy (DNT - Preston)

Scope: Construct the northern two lanes. This will complete four lanes of an ultimate six-lane roadway with median and includes three lanes of the overpass at the BNSF RR. Landscaping, irrigation, and street lighting are included in this project.

Est. design completion is end of November 2007

## 6 FM 2934/Eldorado Pkwy (DNT - FM 423)

Scope: Replace existing two-lane asphalt roadway with a six-lane concrete roadway with median.

Est. construction start: Spring 2008

## 7 FM 3537 Improvements (Preston - Custer)

Scope: Replace existing two-lane asphalt roadway with a six-lane concrete roadway with medi-

an.

Est. construction start: October 2008.

## 8 FM 423 Improvements (Stewart Creek - Eldorado)

Scope: Replace existing two-lane asphalt roadway with a six-lane concrete roadway with median.

Est. start of construction: December 2008

## 9 FM 423 Improvements (Eldorado Pkwy - US 380)

Scope: Replace existing two-lane asphalt roadway with six-lane concrete roadway with median.

Est. construction start: December 2009

## 10 Independence Parkway (SH 121 - Main St)

Scope: Construct the western two lanes of Independence Parkway from SH 121 to Rolater and four lanes from Rolater to Main Street. This will complete four lanes of an ultimate six-lane divided roadway.

Est. construction completed: March 2008.

## 11 Lebanon (FM 423 - Presidents)

Scope: Construct the southern two lanes of Lebanon Road from Village to FM 423 including a three lane bridge at Stewart Creek. This will complete four lanes of an ultimate six-lane divided roadway.

Est. construction start: January 2008.

## 12 Legacy Drive (Citation - Main)

Scope: Construct the eastern three lanes. This will provide a six-lane roadway in this section. Landscaping, irrigation, and street lighting are included in this project. Design complete. Estimated start of paving is end October or first on November 2007.

Estimated end of construction is March 2008.

## 13 Ohio Overpass (SH 121)

Scope: Ohio Drive Overpass at SH 121

Est. TxDOT construction completed: December 2007.

## 14 Panther Creek Parkway (Teel - DNT)

Scope: Construction of four-lane divided roadway including landscape, irrigation, and street lighting. Extend four lanes of Legacy Drive to connect with Panther Creek Parkway.

Est. design completion: December 2007. Est. construction complete: August 2008.

## Road Improvement Projects

Oct 16, 2007



## 15 Parkwood Drive (Lebanon - Warren)

Scope: Construction of the two western (southbound) lanes including landscape, irrigation, and street lighting.

Project completed October 2007

## 16 Selected Old Town Streets

Scope: Reconstruction of the following streets to concrete with curb and gutter:

- First Street (West Main south to Ash) - Est. completion July 2008.
- Third (Oak north to Maple) - Est. completion November 2007
- Third (Main south to Ash) - Est. completion July 2008
- Fourth (Oak north to Maple) - Est. completion November 2007
- Sixth (Oak north to Maple) - Est. completion November 2007
- Sixth (Elm south to Hickory) - Est. completion February 2008
- Pecan (Fifth to Seventh) - Est. completion February 2008
- Hickory (Fifth to Courtyard Dr) - Est. completion February 2008

## 17 SH 121 Freeway (DNT - Hillcrest)

Scope: Construct main lanes on SH 121 from Dallas North Tollway to Hillcrest.

Est. construction completed: February 2008.

## 18 SH 121 Freeway (FM 544 - DNT)

Scope: Construct six main lanes and six lanes of frontage roads from FM 544 to Dallas North Tollway.

Est. construction completed: early 2008.

## 19 SH 289/Preston Rd (Main - US 380)

Scope: Construct a six-lane divided roadway, which will replace the existing two-lane asphalt roadway. Two million dollars of the City of Frisco's \$4.5 million participation in this project pays for the previous construction of Preston Road south of Main Street. Land is being acquired for the road widening.

Est. start of construction is mid-2008.

## 20 Stonebrook Parkway (Legacy - Longhorn)

Scope: Construct four-lanes with an underpass at the BNSF RR and a bridge at Stewart Creek. Project includes federal wetland permits & environmental coordination.

Est. design completion and permitting is June 2008.

## 21 Frisco Square Blvd (Railroad Crossing)

Scope: Street connection of Frisco Square Blvd. across the railroad tracks from Cook Street to West Main Street. This is Phase Two of the Frisco Square Street Improvements.

Est. design completion is October 2007.

## 22 Rolater (Coit - Independence)

Scope: Construct a four-lane divided roadway, which will replace the existing dirt road.

Est. start of construction is November 2007.



A portable fountain was set up in the City Council chamber to allow citizens to toss in their ceremonial coins and real change.



## History in the making

On October 22, the City of Frisco dedicated the City Hall Plaza Fountain now complete in front of the George A. Purefoy Municipal Center. The wet and chilly weather forced the ceremony inside, but it was still memorable with a temporary fountain set up in the City Council chamber. Citizens were given a commemorative coin to toss into the fountain along with their real pocket change.

The City Council voted to allow any coins collected from the fountain to be donated to charities benefiting children. The council selected Frisco Cares Children's Clinic as the initial beneficiary. Frisco Cares is a low-cost health clinic for uninsured children, 18 and younger, living in or attending school in Frisco, Celina or Prosper.

The ceremony also included the unveiling of the plaque that will mark the spot where the City of Frisco time capsule is buried in the plaza. Those in attendance were invited to sign the air-tight case that encases the time capsule.

The time capsule won't be opened until the year 2056 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the George A. Purefoy Municipal Center.

Following the fountain dedication, Frisco held its final Town Hall meeting of the year. Citizens heard about topics including road projects, U.S. postal operations in Frisco, and upcoming city events.



**Pictured top:** Mayor Mike Simpson and fellow City Council members, Mayor Pro-Tem Jim Joyner, Matt Lafata, and Jeff Cheney sign the box containing the City of Frisco time capsule.



**Pictured top, right:** Following the fountain dedication, citizens stuck around for the final Town Hall meeting of the year. They received goodies printed with the city's logo.

**Pictured right:** Members of the Mayor's Youth Council wait in line to sign the box containing the City of Frisco time capsule. The high school students will be in their mid-60s when the time capsule is opened.

